

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2044 - SB 2231

February 14, 2000

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates a process for delivery of a child under 30 days old by a parent to certain health or safety professionals without surrender procedures and adds to the definition of *abandonment* for the termination of parental rights under these circumstances. Provides that a parent, under these circumstances, would not be charged with child abuse and neglect, which would be a Class D felony offense.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Expenditures - \$18,000/Incarceration*

Assumes two cases per year will avoid prosecution for a Class D felony. Also, it is assumed the state would have taken these children into custody and provided foster care no matter what the circumstances of abandonment.

**Section 9-6-119, TCA, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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